

# National Museum of Natural Science

The **National Museum of Natural Science** (Chinese: 國立自然科學博物館; pinyin: Guólì Zìrán Kēxué Bówùguǎn) is a national museum in North District, Taichung, Taiwan.

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## Overview

The museum covers 22 acres (89,000 m<sup>2</sup>) and is a six-venue complex housing: the Space Theater, Science Center, Life Science Hall, Human Cultures Hall, Global Environment Hall, and Botanical Garden.<sup>[2]</sup>

The Research and Collection Division of the museum is divided into departments for [zoology](#), [botany](#), [geology](#) and [anthropology](#).<sup>[3]</sup>

The architect and educator [Han Pao-teh](#) was appointed as the first director of the museum in 1987, a post he held until 1995. He was involved with helping to set up the museum before that from 1981. The current director is [Wei-Hsin Sun](#) (孫維新).

## History

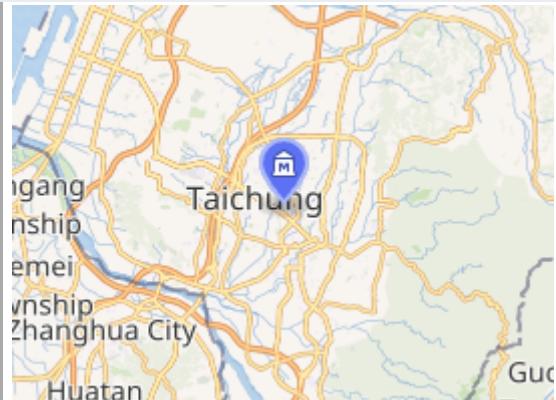
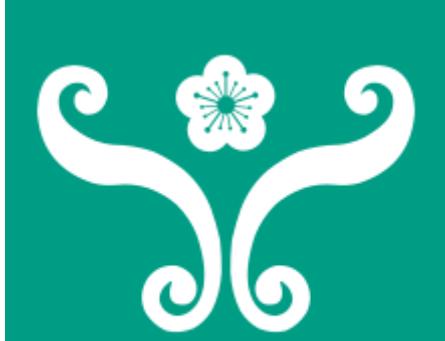
In 1980, the government announced plans to build the museum. On New Year's Day of 1986, the first phase of the museum opened, including the Science Center, Space Theater, administrative offices, and outdoor grounds.<sup>[4]</sup> The second phase was completed in August 1988, and the third and fourth phases were completed in August 1993. In 1999, the number of specimens in the museum had grown to 551,705.

## See also

- [List of museums in Taiwan](#)
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國立自然科學博物館



**Established** 1 January 1986

**Location** North, Taichung, Taiwan

**Coordinates** 24°09'27"N 120°39'59"E

**Type** Museum

**Visitors** 3,142,565 (2015)<sup>[1]</sup>

**Director** Sun Wei-hsin (孫維新)

**Website** [nmns.edu.tw](http://www.nmns.edu.tw/) (<http://www.nmns.edu.tw/>)

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## External links

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- [National Museum of Natural Science \(https://www.facebook.com/COBOFANS\)](https://www.facebook.com/COBOFANS) on [Facebook](#)
- [Museum website \(http://www.nmns.edu.tw/\)](http://www.nmns.edu.tw/)
- [Information \(http://www.aspacnet.org/members/NMNS.html\)](http://www.aspacnet.org/members/NMNS.html) from [ASPAC](#)

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